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Sincerely,

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Serial No. 09/745,226

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Robert Herrmann et al.

Serial No.: 09/745,226

Filed: 12/21/2000

Title: LIPID BASED NITRIC OXIDE DONORS

Art Unit: 1621

Examiner: McIntosh III, Traviss C.

Docket No.: 4010/9

VIA FACSIMILE 703-872-9306
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed October 2, 2002 in the above matter.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please delete claims 1-32, 49 and 57 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 33, 37, 39-41, 43-47 and 50-56 as follows:

33. (Amended) A drug delivery system comprising a medical article and a nitric oxide releasing compound comprising a lipid molecule selected from (a) phosphoglycerides, (b) lipid molecules having a sphingosine base as a backbone, (c) monoacylglycerols, (d) diacylglycerols, (e) glycosylacylglycerols, and (f) sterol molecules of the formula: